

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

"The Hunchback" at the Chestnut.

A large audience was in attendance at the Chestnut last night to witness the performance of Knowler's play of The Hunchback. Like all of the productions of the same pen, this piece is marked by violent involutions of language, and by only moderately successful attempts to imitate the Elizabethan style; but with all its defects it is the work of a dramatist who loved his art for its own sake, and who was an instinctive if not a cultivated poet.

Mr. W. S. Fredericks was very heartily greeted by the audience when he made his appearance as "Master Walter," and he gave, as might have been expected from an actor of his ability and experience, an intelligent and artistic presentation of the character. Miss Katie Henderson, who personated "Helen," possesses the advantage of an engaging personal appearance and a lively, animated style that in the scenes with "Medius" especially made a most favorable impression on the audience.

The New American Theatre.

The New American Theatre of Chestnut street, above North, was inspected last evening by a number of invited guests, and on Saturday next it will be thrown open to the public. This establishment is a very great improvement over the one in Walnut street with which Mr. Robert Fox has so long been identified, and it fulfills in a very perfect manner all the requirements of a variety theatre. The auditorium is one hundred and three feet in width, and the stage is one hundred and thirty feet in length, and is furnished with all the modern improvements. The entrance to the theatre from Chestnut street is through an arcade fourteen feet wide, upon each side of which will be handsome stores. The accommodations for the audience consist of a parquet, parquetry, dress circle, and amphitheatre, the seats are provided for twenty-five hundred persons. These are arranged so that the stage can be seen from every part of the house. The seats in the parquetry are upholstered in crimson plush, and the other in crimson leather, and they are made to tilt so as to permit convenient ingress and egress. The galleries are fronted with open iron-work and supported by iron columns, and in their construction especial care has been taken to make them perfectly secure and capable of sustaining the largest crowds that can be got into the building.

The City Amusements.

At the Chestnut Bolwer's play of The Lady of Lyons will be performed this evening, with Mrs. Scott-Siddons as "Fanny" and Mr. Charles Thorpe as "Claude Melnotte." At the Walnut Mr. Booth will personate "King Lear" this evening. At the Arch Across the Continent will be represented this evening. At the Circus, Tenth and Callowhill streets, a fine performance will be given this evening. At the New American Museum, Ninth and Arch streets, the comedy of Perfection and the comic opera of John of Paris will be represented this evening. At the Arch Street Opera House a minstrel entertainment that will combine a great number of attractions will be given this evening. Sigora Blutz and his son will exhibit their magical wonders at the Assembly Building this evening. At Dupont & Benedict's Opera House a very entertaining programme of songs, dances, and negro burlesques is announced for this evening.

CITY ITEMS.

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DIED. REID.—On the 14th instant, JOHN REID, in the 60th year of his age. His relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, Fifty-fifth and Spruce streets, at 1 P. M., Saturday, December 17th. To proceed to Laurel Hill.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

UNION LEAGUE HOUSE, BROAD STREET. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14, 1870. At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Union League of Philadelphia, held Tuesday evening, December 13, 1870, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Board heartily approves the nomination of JOSEPH R. LINDALL, a life-long resident of the district, and who has held the office of State Senator, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Watt; and Whereas, Mr. LINDALL, while in the office of City Controller, to which he was twice elected by the people, proved himself to be one of the most faithful and conscientious of our public servants, and in all the relations of his life has generally acknowledged to be a just and upright man; and Whereas, we regard it as a public duty, where honest, competent, and incorruptible men of sound political principles are presented to the people for positions of public trust, to manifest our approval of such nominations by suitable efforts to promote their election; therefore,

Resolved, That this Board heartily approves the nomination of JOSEPH R. LINDALL, as a candidate for the office of State Senator for the First Senatorial District, and does most earnestly recommend him to the support and confidence of the independent voters of the district. Resolved, That we invite public attention to the fact that the political character of the Senate will depend upon the result of the special election to be held on TUESDAY next, to-wit: the 20th of December, which may control by its vote the action of the Legislature; and it is therefore important that such a power should not be conferred upon the Democratic party, which, as we believe, is as persistently hostile now as it has ever been to the advance of society and the highest interests of the working classes.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to make publication of the above preamble and resolutions by order of the Board of Directors. GEORGE H. BOKER, Secretary.

ADELAIDE MURDOCH'S LECTURE, OF THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC, ON MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 12, 1870. Subject—WOMAN'S DUTIES INCOMPATIBLE WITH FEMALE SUFFRAGE. Admission, 50 cents. Reserved seats, 50 cents and \$1. Private Boxes, \$5. Box Seats now open and tickets to be obtained at Abel's Dramatic Repository, No. 121 CHESTNUT STREET, and at the Academy of Music, 12 15-31.

REV. THEODORE I. CHYLER, D. D., will address the TEMPERANCE MEETING to be held under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association of the First Presbyterian Church on FRIDAY EVENING, 16th instant, at 7 1/2 o'clock, at Church WASHINGTON Square and SEVENTH STREET. REV. HERRICK JOHNSON, D. D., Pastor, will also address the meeting. Music by the Choir. All are welcome. 12 15-31.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES, TWENTY-FIRST and CHRISTIAN streets. Divine service this evening at 7 o'clock. Sermon by Rev. H. J. MORSON, D. D. Also, on Friday evening, at same hour, sermon by Rt. Rev. Bishop STEVENS. Collection at both services for the Building Fund of the Church.

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